

PS261 SLT Meeting Minutes 6/8/18

In attendance:

- AP Apfel; AP Messer
- Teachers: Khadija Algamoos, Nicole Eastzer, Jamie Gifkins, Stephanie Scarborough, Lindsay Sproul
- PTA Representative: Mary Dennis
- Parent Coordinator: Heather Weston
- Parents: Maud Abeel, Tanya Friedman, Wayne Isaak, Scott Jackson, Kathleen Mulholland
- DC 37 representative: Nancy Sinatra

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 – prior minutes approved
2. Hiring
 - Committee up and running
 - They are currently seeking a music teacher with an emphasis on instruments to work alongside Mr. O and the chorus. This position can be very difficult to fill but they have interviewed a very good prospect with a varied musical background
 - School Based Option vote – there will be at least one extra period per month to work on grade level professional development. During that period, it will not be a mass prep for the kids but, instead, they will have an opportunity to work with a specialty teacher that they do not normally get to see
3. SLT Parent elections – may need to be held in the Fall because no one has applied for position
4. D15 working group – presentation by Carrie McClaren
 - They are looking for community engagement related to middle school admissions
 - The screening methods currently being used affect challenged learners, children of color and results in socio economic segregation
 - Carrie asked our school to prepare a statement of change we would like to see because there are many different models for admissions that would be more equitable
 - When asked, people are overwhelmingly in favor of getting rid of screening
 - Maud suggested that we set up a SLT subcommittee to meet with Jackie immediately to put together the statement because the deadline is in July; she will work with AP Apfel to get something scheduled
5. Homework survey – presented by Tanya and Maud

- Will be submitted to all by the end of the school year so that the results will be known for next year
- It was suggested that it be reviewed on both a vertical and horizontal level so that we have a more cohesive school plan for what homework should look like

6. Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Action items for next meeting:

- Homework survey
- Election